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The essays in this collection conduct a dialogue about race from a multiracial perspective. The biracial baby boom that began in the 1960s practically guarantees that anyone living in a large American city knows someone who is racially mixed. The contemporary presence of racially mixed people is unmatched in our country's history. These essays explore a multiracial perspective that redefines borders and allows for new types of discussions about race. The 24 essays are grouped according to the major issues of: (1) human rights; (2) identity; (3) blending and flexibility; (4) gender and sexual identity; (5) multicultural education; and (6) the new millennium. Selections in the section on multicultural education consider the field from several perspectives, including a discussion of community network organizations and a framework for conducting multicultural education. Appendixes present a statistical directive for race and ethnic standards for data reporting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and OMB reporting standards for multiracial and multiethnic categories. (Contains 2 figures, 2 tables, and 610 references.) (SLD)

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